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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR STRAUSSZ-HUPE
DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO OSD/ISA FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, NATO, OVIP (LUNS, JOSEPH M.A.H.)
SUBJECT: SYG LUNS' VISIT TO THE US

REF: STATE 57266 DTG 151750Z MAR 77

1. I HAVE JUST TALKED WITH JOSEPH LUNS ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING VISITS OF THE SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE. I FOUND HIM BOTH ANGRY AND HURT, FOR AS YET, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TELL HIM WHEN THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIES VANCE AND BROWN WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE HIM IN WASHINGTON.

2. WE COUNT ON LUNS TO SUPPORT OUR INITIATIVES IN THE ALLIANCE, AND OVER THE YEARS HE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY HELPFUL TO OUR INTERESTS. AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, FOR REASONS THAT I DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND, HE REGARDS OUR FAILURE TO FIX DATES FOR HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AS A PERSONAL SLIGHT OF EXTRAORDINARY MAGNITUDE. THE RESULT HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT PERIOD OF SOME DAYS, MARKED BY AN UNUSUALLY DISPARAGING ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US, ACCORDING TO MY COLLEAGUES AMONG THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.

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3. I SPOKE TO LUNS ABOUT THIS TODAY, UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE TO US OF HIS UNFAILING SUPPORT AND URGING PATIENCE ON HIS PART. WHILE HE RESPONDED COURTEOUSLY AND RECOVERED SOME OF HIS USUAL JOIE DE VIVRE, HE ONLY PARTLY CONCEALED HIS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT HOW THE US VIEWS HIM.

4. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO THE SECRETARY AND OTHERS WHO MAY BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING LUNS' PROGRAM IN THE US WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MAKING IT POSSIBLE

FOR US TO INFORM LUNS NO LATER THAN THE SECRETARY'S
VISIT THIS WEEK OF OUR PLANS FOR HIS MEETINGS WITH US
OFFICIALS DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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